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TRANSPORT WORKERS' STRIKE AVOIDED.

LONDON, March 9.

The Transport Workers Conference, mentioned on March 4, has decided to refer the disputed matter to the decision of the Industrial Courts. The probable date of hearing will be March 24. The danger of strike action has thus been removed.

BYE ELECTION.

LONDON, March 9.

The result of the Horncliffe bye-election on January 23 was as follows:—
Captain Hotchkiss (Coalition Unionist) 8,140
Mr. Pattinson (Liberal) 6,727
Mr. Holmes (Labour) 3,443

TRADE RETURNS.

LONDON, March 9.

The Board of Trade returns for February show that imports were £170,500,000 and £86,000,000 being increases of £63,750,000 and £39,000,000 respectively as compared with February 1919.

AIR FORCE ESTIMATES.

HEAVY REDUCTIONS.

LONDON, March 9.

The Air Force estimates for 1920-1 provide for the expenditure of £21,056,930 and 29,730 men as compared with £54,308,050 and 150,000 men during 1919-20.

FURTHER RISE IN BREAD COST.

LONDON, March 9.

It is estimated that the quarter loaf will rise at least threehalfpence, and will cost one shilling in consequence of the rising of the price of flour.

THE NEW TURKISH CABINET.

PROBABLY OF NEUTRAL CHARACTER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 9.

Salih Pasha, lately the Minister of Marine has been called on to form a Cabinet. It is understood it will be of a neutral character, similar to the preceding Ministry.

DUTCH AIRMEN FLYING TO JAVA.

THE ROUTE.

LONDON, March 9.

The Times says that Lieutenants Backer and Paltner, who are flying from Amsterdam to Java for the Dutch Government's prize, state they have chosen a route via Brest, Marseilles and Naples, not calling at Pisa. Rome and Egypt will not be visited as the airmen are flying to Basra direct from Cyprus. Moreover, they will follow a coastal route throughout, flying round the whole length of the Indian coast.

The airmen have decided to use a Vickers flying boat fitted with Rolls Royce engines. The time allowed for the flight is 30 days and the journey will be divided into 26 stages the average distance apart being 400 miles.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

SENATE ADOPTS RESERVATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 9.

The Senate has adopted, by 49 votes to 26 the reservation in the Peace Treaty whereunder the limitation of armaments does not bind the United States without ratification by Congress and the United States reserves the right to increase armaments without the consent of the Council of the League of Nations whenever America is threatened with invasion or engaged in war.

The Senate also adopted, by 44 votes to 26, the reservation whereunder the United States will permit subjects of a covenant breaking State to conduct business with Americans. It also re-adopted, by 44 votes to 27 the reservation refusing to assent to the labour sections of the treaty.

ROMANIA GETS Bessarabia.

LONDON, March 9.

The Supreme Council has assigned Bessarabia to Rumania.

BRITISH WARSHIPS AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

LONDON, March 9.

The British naval concentration at Constantinople is now equivalent to two battle squadrons and includes the "Rainbow," "Revenge," "Resolution," "Royal Oak," "Royal Sovereign" of the first battle squadron and the "Marlborough," "Benbow," "Emperor of India" and "Ajax" of the fourth battle squadron.

PROBABLE INCREASE IN PASSENGER RATES.

LONDON, March 9.

The Times says that addition to the anticipated increase in freight rates it is expected that passenger rates, in certain cases which are not indicated, are like to be advanced.

It is pointed out that the rates were fixed when coal was about half the present price.

Some large passenger line are said to be working at a loss at present.

BRITISH RHINE ARMY COMMAND.

GENERAL ROBERTSON RESIGNS.

LONDON, March 9.

General Sir William Robertson has relinquished the command of the British Rhine army. He will be succeeded by Lieut-General Sir Thomas Napier-Morland.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE AIR FORCE ESTIMATES.

LONDON, March 11th.

Major G. C. Tryon, Under Secretary for the Air, introducing the Air estimates, stated that the personnel of the Air Force had been reduced from 184,000 to 34,000. The normal strength would be 31,500.

He paid a tribute to the services of the Air Force on the North West Frontier of India, in Mesopotamia, in the Aden hinterland, in Somaliland and in Egypt. It was hoped to have seven squadrons of modern aeroplanes in Egypt by April. Aerial photography of the Nile delta had been very useful. It had been proposed that the Air Force should have one rigid and three non-rigid airships. The Colonial Governments were acquiring non-rigid airships for patrol and survey purposes.

He expressed his pride that those great enterprises—the Cairo to the Cape, the Australian and the Indian flights radiated from England.

BRITISH WHEAT CROP.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Commons, at a question time, Mr. Lloyd George stated that in order to relieve the anxiety of the British farmer, the price of the 1920 wheat crop would be levelled up to the c.i.f. price of imported wheat, provided it did not exceed 65s. a quarter.

HUNGARIAN PEACE TREATY.

LONDON, March 11th.

Reuter understands that the Supreme Council has agreed in principle that the Hungarian Peace Treaty as presented shall not be modified. The Allies were unable to accept the counter-proposals for the revision of the frontier and economic relations which, in effect, meant the restoration of the monarchy.

The Council's findings will be communicated to the Hungarian Delegation in Paris in a few days after which Hungary will be required to sign the Treaty within a week.

THE TURKISH SITUATION.

LONDON, March 11th.

The Supreme Council met yesterday and issued a communique announcing that it had considered the measures which were being taken to ensure the protection of the Armenians and other minorities in Turkey. It is significant that Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Walter Long, Admiral Beatty, General Thwaites and M. Venizelos attended.

It is stated that the Council has ordered the ordinary occupation of Constantinople as well as a number of strategic points in Asiatic and European Turkey forthwith.

America has been urged to participate in the measures for the protection of the Armenians.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon declared that the disarmament of the Turkish forces in Cilicia during the British occupation was entirely beyond our power. He detailed the steps taken in connection with the massacres and pointed out that out of 750,000 inhabitants in Cilicia 548,000 were Moslems. It was, therefore, difficult to say that this portion of the Turkish Empire should be cut out. He hoped France would undertake the future security of the minorities in this region, notwithstanding her desire to limit her responsibilities there.

As regards Armenia it was not thought that the Northern Armenians were endangered. He was bound to admit that they were not such innocent lambs as some supposed them to be. Indeed, they had made a series of the most savage and blood-thirsty attacks conceivable with the idea of provoking the Turks.

The Peace Conference's idea was to create an Armenian State containing a distinct predominance of Armenians with a defensible frontier and access to the sea. The Armenians ought to be able to protect themselves, if the Allies succeeded in arming them. It might be advisable to place Armenia under the League of Nations, if no mandatory appeared.

As regards the fate of Constantinople, which was one of the most complex and most closely debated issues the Allies were called on to consider, Lord Curzon said that Moslems throughout the world were anxious to keep the Sultan, there not merely because he was the Khalif but because he symbolized power and authority. He hoped that the draft of the Turkish Treaty will be ready on March 31st, but warned people against imagining that peace would spread over Asia.

THE WAR ON BOLSHIEVISM.

LONDON, March 11th.

General Denikin has driven back the Bolshievists who were attempting to break his centre; but he has been compelled to withdraw his left wing 80 miles south of Rostov, while, on the right wing, the Bolshievists have advanced within 30 miles of the all-important Rostov-Petrov railway.

STATE OF WAR IN CILICIA.

LONDON, March 11th.

The situation in Cilicia is becoming more serious. A state of war exists between the French and the Turkish Nationalists in the Province of Alexandrette, where the French garrison is small and the insurgents are strong, but the French garrison at Mersina and Adana is strong to maintain order.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN SYRIA.

LONDON, March 11th.

It is semi-officially stated that the political situation in Damascus is serious. Emir Faisal has summoned a Syrian Congress, which intends to declare the complete independence of the country and proclaim him King. The excitement is so great that he will probably be compelled to yield to their demands.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 13th March will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before March 20th, 1920, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesdays & Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the free storage period.

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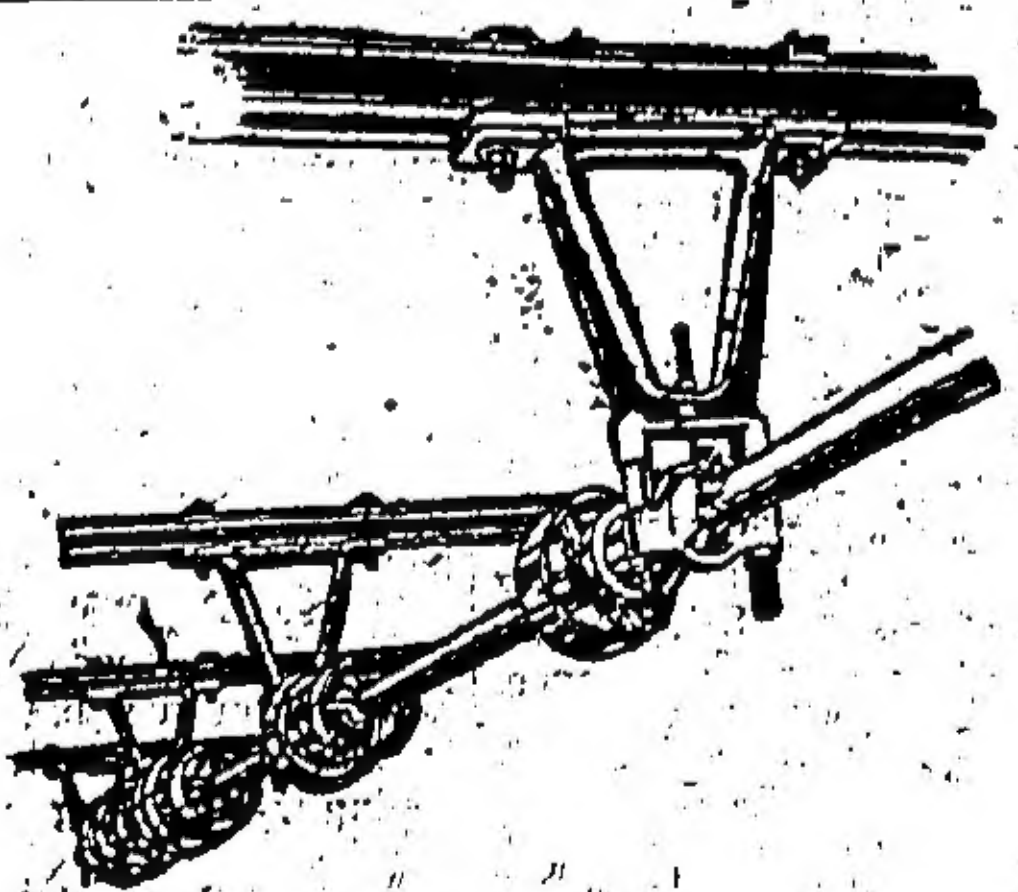
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By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 8, 1920.

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THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 18th March, 1920, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY the 13th March, 1920, until THURSDAY the 18th March, 1920, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, March 8, 1920.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY the 11th March, 1920, until SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hongkong, March 6, 1920.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 8, 1920.

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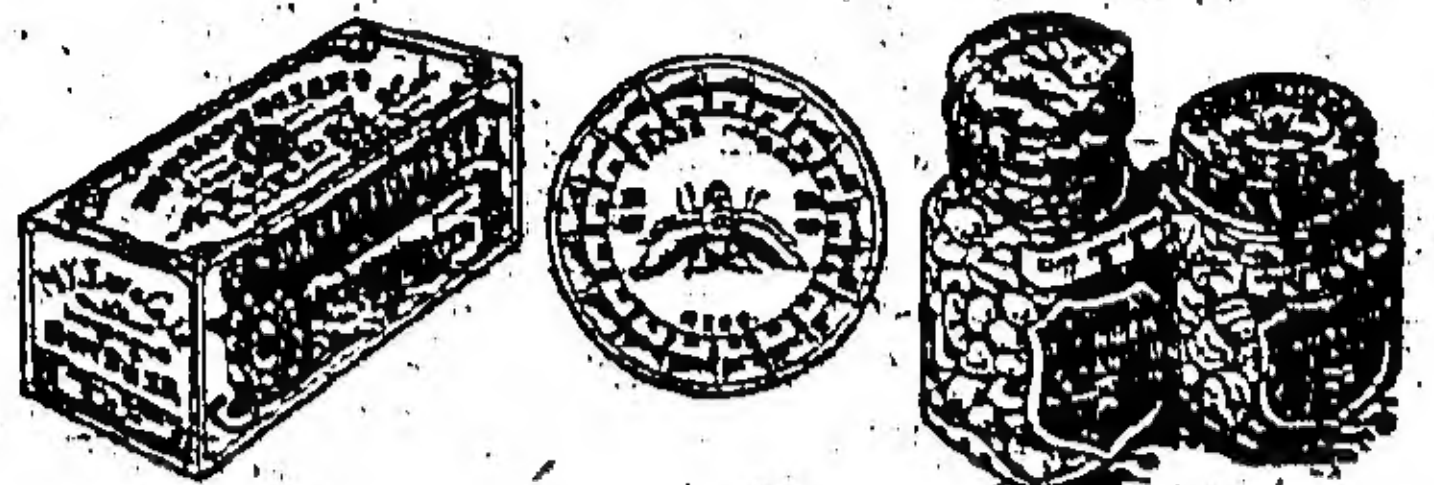
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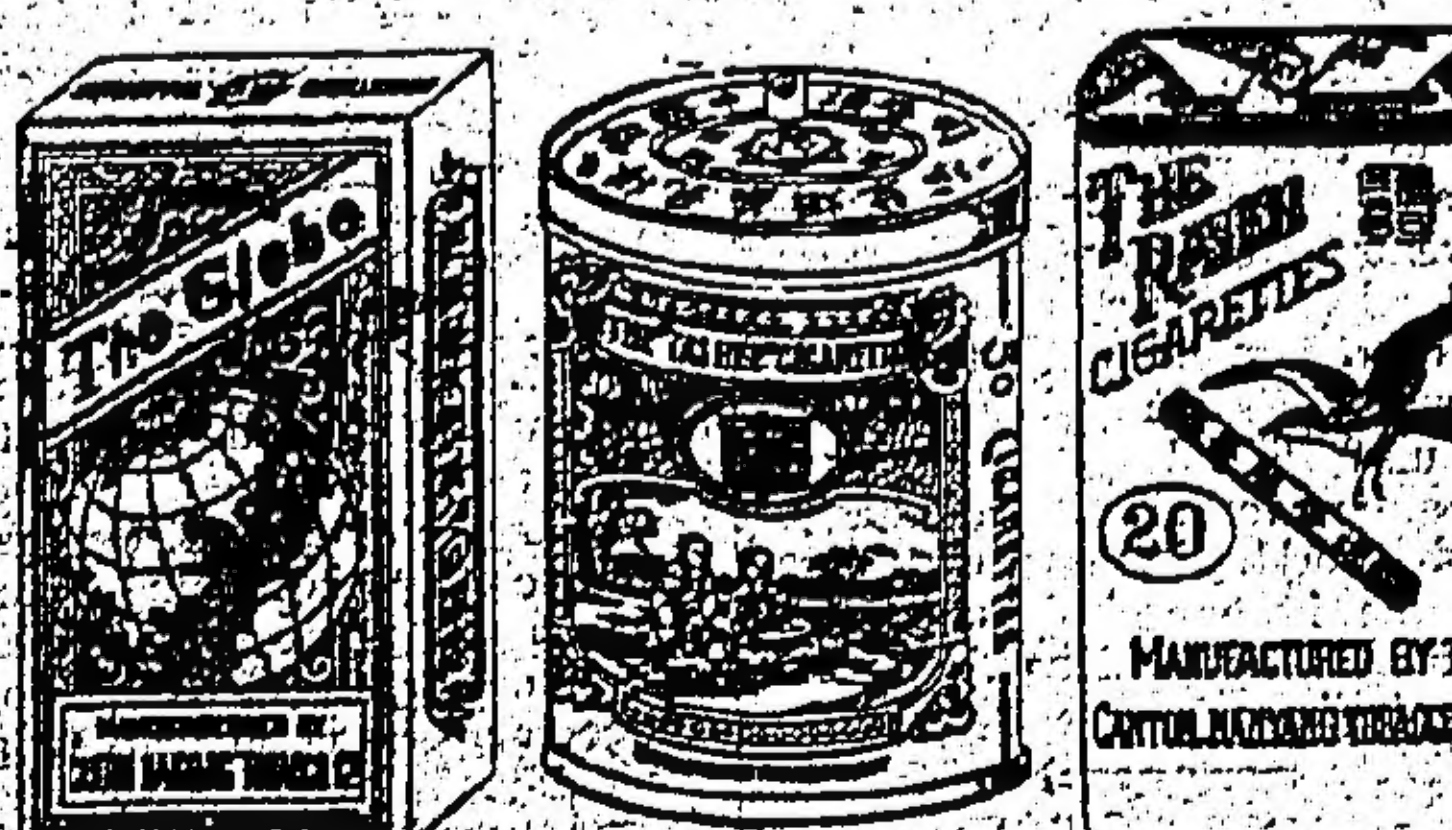
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1920.

IRELAND.

The return of Asquith to Parliament reminds us that he was returned as a Liberal, that he described "self-determination" as a leading Liberal principle, and that he pointed out that it was being withheld from the Irish by people who were "giving it to Czechs, Slovaks, Jugos, Poles, and other foreigners. In Ireland to-day the salient grievance is less what is being withheld than what is being introduced or re-introduced. On one excuse or another the British Union clears Irish roads, and jack-boots dominate the picture. Murderers have been at work—very well, let Dublin people who are not murderers, and who are not in sympathy with the trade of murder—or who are certainly less murderously inclined than the prevailing upholders of "law and order"—let them go to bed early, and not stir out of doors until graciously permitted. Let them be ruled by curfew. In mid-December, by virtue of D.O.M.A., the *Freeman's Journal* was shut up, by the military. For five weeks, without any form of trial, the chief organ of the constitutional cause has been suspended from publication. They offered to let it resume on conditions so humiliating that the proprietors refused, and they have now removed the embargo unconditionally, and, of course, without apologies. The Lord Mayor Designate of Dublin is not charged with anything, has not been tried in any way, and is in Wormwood Scrubbs jail. Seventy Irish Members of Parliament may not assemble to take counsel together, in Ireland, though they cannot be prevented from doing so in England. In Tipperary, we read even the usual farmers' markets are disallowed. Carson is—but what's the use? The love of bullying is too strong for all the homilies in all the world. Force evokes force, and the force evoked is attacked by further force. There's no end to it at all.

ADVERSARIA.

Some time ago, writing to a well-known literary man at home, the Adversarian, with the help of Mr. Ball's book, explained some of the more

peculiar difficulties of the Cantonese language. The last mail brought an answer of which following is a part:

"I often need to wonder, when reading 'Romany Rye,' why Isobel Berners refused his offer of marriage; but I see it now. He used to give her lessons in Arminianism. She seems to have been quite justified. Wonder what Borrow would have made of your weird lingo. I can only say:

I think whatever gods there be The Chinese tongue is not for me. If you learn it—and retain your reason—you must be of the stuff that heroes (or dreamers) are made of."

There was a case on Saturday which amazed us. Ought all brass candlesticks to be destroyed lest some sucker should take them for gold? The defendant may have been a rogue. Probably was. But it seems to us there was no sense in the conviction or in the application and decision to destroy two white metal bangles. The man took one of them to an admitted expert, a pawnbroker, to pawn. Even if he said it was silver, that doesn't warrant a conviction for attempted fraud. He might have been honestly mistaken, or deceived by another. It is up to the expert not to be deceived. Cautious expert, etc. As for destroying the harmless bangles, if everything that faintly resembles something else is to be destroyed lest it be pained off as that thing, we are in for such an iconoclastic era as the world has never yet seen. Many a woman has taken a husband and thought she was getting a man.

One of our correspondents to-day makes out a good case for different procedure in connection with the meeting of St. George's Society. Indeed, there might be made out a similar case about many institutions in Hongkong. There is far too much of the inner caucus, cut-and-dry, "all is finished—do you agree?" methods here. In the case of St. George's, of course, there is nothing important that can go wrong. It seems to me to be more or less of a Ball Committee, and it is difficult to get excited about the business of a Ball Committee. That perhaps explains the small interest shown by the general body.

Asked by New MATHELINCK, York-reports to say something about spiritualism, this great genius said: "I don't know what

to think." He would know what to think if he knew how to think.

Old anobberies die hard. We note INTELLIGENCE how a contemporary commentator speaks of the growing support of Labour by the middle classes, and adds, as if thinking aloud, "probably they will supply Labour with leaders. There are many who still think with Lord Lansdowne that political intelligence has been confined by Providence to what James de la Yellowplush called the happier suckles."

Sir Charles Elliot has accepted the chairmanship of a committee which is to advise the Foreign Office of ways to promote solidarity among British communities in foreign countries. Among the suggestions made is one for the registration of British subjects. It so happens that this is one of the things that make us feel less solidly British than we usually are. In Shanghai in the old-days registration cost five dollars and was compulsory, under heavy penalty. Enquiry at the Consulate, with a view to finding out what we got for that five dollars, produced the answer. We got nothing but a certificate that we were British, a testimonial that was quite useless.

Being British, we resented it as an imposition. Many Britons residing in foreign countries will no doubt be glad to register, in the hope of getting together; but it is equally certain that many will smile and hold aloof from the invitation (it cannot be a command) to register. Consuls will insert advertisements, and these will be ignored, for the experienced travelling Briton keeps aloof from the fee-hungry consul. In Shanghai, as an international settlement, one would have expected to be allowed to remain nationally anonymous; but it was not so. There is no international corporation to which to appeal against such petty national tyrannies.

If we should aim at solidarity at all it should be human, not racial or national, solidarity. Sir Francis Youngblood is good enough for the average patriot, isn't he? Well, in *Hibbert* for January he unfolds what he believes to be a great discovery. He has searched for the life for thirty years, he says, and the basic sentiment can, he thinks, be found in the sentiment of World-love, that is, love of the world—of all creation, of all Nature, and the plants and flowers, and birds and animals, and our fellowmen, summed up together in one great interconnected whole; and that whole a Supreme Being.

The "internationalist," who is regarded as a crank or worse, discovered that long ago. He is merely a thinker who believes that the common Fatherhood implies common sonship, and that all divisions of nation, race, or religion should prove first in the mind of any one so thinking. Death waits for all. The world is lovable. Why divide? There is no "why" but an old and still surviving jungle instinct, which human vanity yields to, and labels patriotism, making a virtue of necessity.

Mr. Clynes made a FITNESS to very neat rejoinder to Winston the Great's theory that Labour is quite unfitted to govern. (Someone Fitted by Birth must have inspired him). He points out that if the Coalition achieved a measure of success in the war period, this was largely due to its use of business men and experts outside politics. He adds that there is nothing to prevent a Labour government from calling in experts in the same way, trusting to their patriotism. They might even call in a Churchill.

OUR LOCAL POETS.

BEHOLD, OH MORTAL!

Behold, oh mortal, how destiny laughs with care;
 And how it whispers a promise of true success;
 The world is yours, you need not fear to conquer it,
 For God made you to live and with a will power, possess!

Behold the time you have lavishly wasted away!
 Through it you have always been dismay;
 If others have succeeded, why can't you,
 Since God made you to live and life's game to play?

There's no failure in this world of ours,
 There is but success that shines like the stars;
 Arise, walk, oh mortal, before you are success,
 Fight your life's battles, and you'll conquer Mars!

ESANIP.

Hongkong, March 14.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 11½d.

Professor Middleton Smith arrived in the Colony, yesterday.

Rear-Admiral G. H. Barrett, R.N., is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

Fixtures for the Hongkong Basket Ball League for March and April are to hand.

Sir Charles Elliot is expected to arrive in Hongkong towards the end of the month, per the "Tambo Maru."

The presentation to Mr. Eustace takes place at Mr. Jenkin's chambers 6 p.m., and not 5.30 p.m. as previously announced.

Mr. M. Freeborn, lecturer in history at the Hongkong University arrived yesterday, and Mr. Danaher, lecturer in political economy, is expected on the "Clifford."

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 28, amounted to 14,265 tons and the sales during the period to 54,284 tons.

Mr. Ng Sze Cheong, brother to Mr. Ng Sze Kwong, the tennis champion of the colony, has gained the Cambridge University tennis blue. He is, we understand the first Chinese to receive the honour.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, returned on the Kaiping from Fakhoh. He is to preside over the annual meeting of The British and Foreign Bible Society to-morrow Tuesday at 5.15 p.m. During Holy week (April 25 to April 3) he will give address and hold confirmations in Hongkong.

JAIL BREAKER CHARGED.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy this morning, Mok Sing, one of the four jail breakers, who was recently arrested in Canton, was charged with the murder of Warders Speed and Harnam Singh, within the walls of the Victoria Jail in the small hours of the morning of Dec. 15.

The prisoner, a short, thick set man, appeared in the dock in a quite unconcerned manner, and answered the interpreter's questions as to name and age without perceptible emotion.

Mr. Leo Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor said: Your Worship knows the facts of this case as well as I do, and it would save time not to go into details.

Mr. Smith: I know that there had been a murder in the jail, and that certain prisoners escaped, but I do not know what line you are going to take, or what you intend to prove against the prisoner, Mr. Longinotto.

Mr. Longinotto: I am going to prove first that he was one of those who escaped.

Mr. Smith: You are going to prove that he was in the jail before the murder, and absent after?

Mr. Longinotto: Yes, and I am going further, and will prove that he was seen out of his cell at the time of murder and escape. Of course, it is a case of a common venture which resulted in death. The only material difference between this and the other case, is that we have a witness who can identify him as one of the four escaped prisoners who were seen outside their cells on the morning of the murder.

Mr. Smith: What about the tools?

Mr. Longinotto: We presume that the prisoner made them, but, of course, we cannot prove it. The four men concerned, who had access to the furnace in the jail; and it required a furnace to make the tools.

Mr. Edwards of the P.W.D. was in the witness box proving certain plans as our reporter left the court.

WOULD SELL CANDY.

Sergt. Aris charged a hawker with before Mr. Irving, selling candy outside the St. Mary's School, Kowloon, without a licence. The defendant said he had a licence, but it had been taken away from him. He had a wife and family to support, and had to sell sweets for his living.

The sergeant said there had been a lot of complaints from parents to the effect that the children got ill after eating the defendant's sweets. He had been warned not to sell sweets outside the school again, but he persisted in doing so. He had been arrested three times and fined \$5 each time, but he continued to sell his sweets outside the school. On his third arrest, the C.S.P., suspended the defendant's licence, but he still sold sweets. He was arrested two other times and charged with selling sweets without a licence and fined \$10, but even then he was undaunted, and continued to be a pest to the school. The sergeant asked for the full penalty this time, as Mr. Wood had warned the defendant that if he appeared in court again, he would be severely dealt with.

\$15 fine, or one month's hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONGKONG.

Sir—I should feel greatly obliged if you would kindly publish the following for the information of the members of the above society. I feel quite justified in publishing the correspondence and comments on same, before the meeting owing to the extremely short notice of the first advertisement appeared in the morning papers of Saturday last, none being in the evening papers, the meeting to take place to-day 15th inst. at 5.30 p.m.

JOHN BENTLEY Esq.
 Hon. Secretary, Society of St. George, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—I see that the Annual Meeting of the above society is advertised to be held on Monday next, 15th inst. Would you be good enough to inform me:—

(1) Whether the Report and Statement of Accounts which is to be placed before the members at the meeting has been circulated amongst the members. I have not received a copy.

(2) Whether a list of members has been circulated so that members can choose for themselves who they consider best to serve on the committee.

(3) Whether if the Report and Accounts have not been circulated clause (d) of the Agenda is not out of order as it will be impossible to give notice of business which might arise out of a Report etc, which will not be seen by any of the members, excepting the committee, until the meeting.

Thanking you for a reply.

Yours truly,

B. L. FROST.

REPLY.

B. L. FROST Esq.

PRESENT.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of to-day's date, for which I am obliged I would state that—

(1) No Report or statement of Accounts has been circulated to any Members.

At the Meeting Members will receive the Report of the Committee in the Chairman's speech.

Copies of Accounts will be available for such of the Members as may attend the Meeting.

This is in accordance with precedent and does not conflict with the Rules of the Society.

(2) No list of Members has been recently circulated to Members. I shall be pleased to give you inspection of my list, which is up-to-date, if you wish to see it.

(3) You misinterpret the meaning of clause (d) of the Agenda. Members are not required to give the notice of any other business.

"Notice" means notice given to members.

So far no notice of any other business has been sent to Members or advertised.

Yours faithfully,

John Bentley,

Hon. Secretary.

From the above it will be seen that another force is about to take place of an Annual Meeting of a Society, whose Membership, I am informed, stands at over 400, being held without proper notice, and the committee elected without the majority of the members knowing who the other members are.

In Mr. Bentley's reply to my (1) he says, Copies of the Accounts will be available for such Members as may attend the Meeting, so that if only 20 members attend, which is quite likely to happen owing to the way the Meeting has been called, then only 20 members out of more than 400 will be officially informed as to how the finances of the Society are used.

Rule 12 reads—Every General Meeting shall be convened by advertisement. Seven clear days notice of such meeting shall be given but the Committee shall have the power, in cases they consider urgent, to give a shorter notice, etc. I cannot imagine the urgency of calling an Annual General Meeting at practically two days notice, unless the idea is to keep the attendance as small as possible.

Clause (d) of Rule 10 reads—to transact any other business of which notice has been given, either in the form of an advertisement convening the meeting or in a notice to members.

Clause (d) of the advertisement reads—to transact any other business of which notice has been given. I think anyone used to attending such meetings as this one will agree that this obviously means that only business of which due notice has been given can be discussed.

I have asked quite a number of members whether they were attending the meeting and most of them knew nothing about it, some of them owing to the fact that they took the evening paper only.

I trust that as many members who can will attend the meeting and prevent the usual farce of the retiring committee being elected en bloc—some have already gone away—and insist on a list of members being circulated before the new committee is elected.

Yours truly,

B. L. FROST.

Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

INTERVIEW WITH

SOMERSET MAUGHAM.

[For the China Mail, by Bella Spruce.]

Being asked why he was leaving us just a few days before the performance of his two plays *Penelope* and *Mrs. Dot*, Mr. Somerset Maugham answered that now-a-days one is ruled by the taipans of the steamship agencies (we agreed with him). Miss Marie Tempest has noted his plays for seven years. He considers her the best English comedienne of the day, perfectly adaptable to the subtleties of her "role" and not likely to shed tears if her new dress is not ready for the performance; she knows this is "masquerade" for the author. As for the setting or "mise en scene" Mr. Somerset Maugham confessed that stage-managers focussed on it too much importance.

On the other hand, he had seen in Japan exquisite plays full of romance, given only with the help of Shakespearean staging. An actor wearing a circus-horse composed of two men covered with a canvas, galloped as full of spirit as if he had been Alexander on Bellerophon. Was it only the actor's skill? we asked Mr. Maugham. The answer was "Because the audience also played its part in its own amusement."

"What induced you to write 'Penelope' and 'Mrs. Dot'?" Are the portraits in it true "to life"? Here a shy smile and an evasive answer.

"It is so long ago that I forget. My ambition was to amuse the public—a little less than the kinemas of course." He hopes that some day good authors will be asked to write for the movies, which may slightly improve the standard of film-plays.

Since the war, Londoners have become great theatre-goers; they have lost on the continent part of their insular coating, and taken up French tastes. Perhaps also they have discovered that after all it is the cheapest kind of amusement.

Mr. D. Maugham declared that the best contemporary French play was in his eyes "My Father was right" written by a French actor, Sacha Guitry, and played by the author and his son. He had read it in the Hongkong Club and wished some French city-amateurs would amuse themselves at giving us here a performance of that comedy.

In Peking, Mr. Somerset Maugham has met representatives of the New Theatre movement, Chinese professors who advocate the imitation of French and English authors. Their idols are not always very up-to-date, but what is old fashioned for us would be ultra-modern for China.

During his seven months' wanderings in China, Mr. Maugham has stored up many precious impressions in his sub-conscious mind. Some day he hopes, they will appear on the surface in the shape of a light comedy.

At present, Gladys Cooper and Charles Hawtrey are acting in London his latest play: "Home and Beauty."

A B'D START.

Sergt. Cockle of the Wanchai Police this morning charged a sixteen-year-old Chinese, an apprentice to a Japanese tailor of No. 61 Praya East, with the theft of 285 yen in notes, the property of his master. The accused pleaded "guilty."

Sergt. Cockle said the accused's elder brother who had been in the complainant's employ for 10 years, and was a competent tailor, got the accused the job. A few days ago, the accused broke into his master's room and stole the money. How he managed to do it, said the sergeant, he did not know, as the door of the room was fastened with a strong lock, which the Police have tried to pick, since the theft, and failed. However, the accused got the money, and changed it into Hongkong currency. With the proceeds, the accused bought himself a pair of boots, a watch and chain, a sewing machine, and a gold ring. Acting on information received, he (the sergeant), went to the accused's house and there he recovered the articles mentioned, together with a \$50 and a \$10 (Hongkong note), and a 50 yen note. In view of the fact that all the money had been recovered, and in consideration for the accused's brother, who proposes to send him back to the country, said the sergeant, the complainant did not wish to press the charge. He (the sergeant), thought a whipping would meet the case.

Six strokes with a rattan.

YOKOHAMA BANK PROFITS.

The local branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., has received a cablegram from the Head Office to the effect that at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders held at the Head Office of this Bank at Yokohama on the 10th inst., it was resolved to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. p.a. for the half year ended the 31st December 1919, to add to the reserve fund ¥16,000,000 and to carry forward the sum of ¥3,872,000 to the next account.

THE BLUE TRIANGLE.

Hongkong, Saturday 13.

A happy person this week is our friend Miss N. E. Elliott, General Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association. After eighteen months of hard language-study and organization in this colony, she finally sees the opening of the house of her dreams, the building of the Chinese Association. Does one realize the energies that have been concentrated in order to open a new branch in a foreign city? For four years in Hongkong the Chinese intelligentsia have worked and made inquiries on the needs of the native community, and the foreign secretaries of the Association have helped them with their executive ability so that yesterday the Blue Triangle might be displayed in 59, Cause Road.

The Inaugural meeting was opened yesterday at 3 o'clock with an audience of 170 Chinese School-girls from St. Paul's, St. Stephen's and Ying Wa, a great number of Chinese ladies, and representatives of the different missions.

The reception-room was prettily decorated with marigolds, and marguerites, and displayed gorgeously embroidered panels-silks presented by the different associations to welcome the new branch. In spite of the down pouring rain outside, guests continued to arrive until late in the afternoon. The Chinese Ladies had donned their gaudiest silk clothes, not forgetting their heirlooms of pearl and jade for the solemn occasion.

Mrs. Ma Ying-Pin, Chairman of the Reorganisation Committee and now appointed Chairman of the present Board, made very appropriate remarks on the purpose of the Association. The was followed by Mrs. D. MacGillivray who had come from Shanghai to bring the greetings of the National Committee. Dr. Pearce read a message from the London Mission, Rev. Tong one from the Baptist Church, and the Rev. Yung from the Congregational Church. Mr. Hollison brought the greetings of the Y.M.C.A. and Mrs. Chao of the Canton Association.

Even distant Canada had sent a cable of congratulations. A chorus of twenty girls from St. Paul's School rendered a pretty song in Chinese, followed by an address in Chinese from Dr. Y. P. Woo of the Y.M.C.A. Board.

After the singing of the Chinese National anthem tea and cakes were served, an excellent occasion for the ladies' social chat. We tried to meet as many girls as possible, and were quite amused at their remarks about the slow, conservative, dull Northern Chinese ladies. Indeed, if Hongkong prides in its conventional foreign Colony, it may boast of having the widest-awake Chinese community. Was it not here that a Chinese father asked the school-principal to teach his daughter photography and bicycle riding? Besides Miss N. E. Elliott, who is the general Secretary, the secretarial staff includes Miss T. H. Shin, teacher in the Belvidere Girls' School; Miss Olive P. Mackay, and Miss Florence Sutton.

On Saturday at 2.30 p.m. Miss T. H. Shin presided over the first Student Meeting, whilst on Sunday at 3.30 p.m. a service of dedication and Thanksgiving was held.

The program of the work for this year includes Bible Classes followed by Social intercourse, Education classes in English, Mandarin and sketching, physical exercises and the games in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium, and twelve lectures in home-nursing. Later on, when better organized and equipped, the Y.W.C.A. hopes to open a boarding department for travelling Chinese ladies and to do social work among the factory girls.

And as money is "the nerve of war" (and peace) we may conclude by publishing the Y. W. C. A. budget for 1920:

The Estimated Expenditure comprise—
 Salaries and Wages \$ 1,250
 Administration
 And Committee expenses \$ 200
 The House itself needs
 Equipment worth \$ 500
 A Rent of \$ 1,200
 Wages of \$ 120;
 \$130 for incidentals and expenses in students social work, education, world's work, national work, and contingent bringing the total expenditure to \$3,985.

The Estimated receipts (membership, class fees, and balance in hand) amounting to \$1,950, there is a budget difference of \$2,735 to be raised by voluntary contributions. No doubt the Chinese Community will gladly fill the gap.

Miss Adams, the world-famous Bible lecturer sent on a tour to the Orient by the International Committee of N. York, is returning to the United States on the "Empress of Russia." She gave up her trip to India, and spent eleven months between China and Japan, so attracted was she by the opportunities for women in these countries.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, March 12.

A Havas message says:—
The figures of the collections of French revenues for 1920 show big increases. During February indirect taxes and monopolies brought in 794,044,800 francs, which is 215,129,500 francs above the estimated amount and 342,632,000 francs above the revenue for February, 1919. For the two months of 1920 the revenue exceeded estimates by 472,496,400 francs and was 692,244,000 francs over the corresponding period last year.

The French Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, passed the bill extending the rights of trade unions to possess property, and also a bill, amending minor items, for retiring pensions.

The Amnesty Bill, in celebration of the election of M. Deschanel as President, was laid on the table. The measure does not apply to plots against the State or inciting soldiers to disobey orders. In the army and navy the Amnesty Bill will annul all punishments except those inflicted for desertion and other very serious offences. The Government also laid on the table a bill to provide credits for the reestablishment of the French Embassy to the Holy See.

Fortune smiled upon the French rugby footballers, at *For des Pines*, Autell, yesterday. The French army fifteen, in the presence of the President, the British Ambassador and a crowd of nearly 30,000, defeated the British army team by a margin of 15 points to 6.

THE "JOACHIM" AFFAIR.

GERMANY APOLOGIZES.

BERLIN, March 9.

The Foreign Minister has expressed regret the *French Charge d'Affaires* over the Joachim affair and has promised that the culprits shall be punished.

BRANTING TO FORM CABINET.

STOCKHOLM, March 9.

Branting has been entrusted with the formation of a Cabinet.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MISSION TO RUSSIA.

PARIS, March 14.

The third meeting of the Council of the League of Nations has been held. It adopted a resolution to provide the appointment of a commission of ten members chosen by the council, each of whom shall be assisted by two advisers. Two of these members, one an employer of labour, the other a workman, will be proposed by the international labour bureau. The resolution adds that the international bureau may, if it be thought desirable, send a commission to Russia specially to investigate the labour question. A telegram will be sent to the Soviet authorities of Russia informing them of the Council's proposals, and asking if they are prepared to give the commission all necessary facilities to accomplish its mission.

THE ENGINE ROOM OF THE IMPERATOR.

ENGINEERING STAFF'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Experts who have viewed the Cunard liner "Imperator" since she arrived at Southampton are agreed that the engine-room staff performed a remarkable feat in taking over the vessel without the slightest previous acquaintance with her technical equipment, and running her safely across the Atlantic without mishap. Although in the main features there is no striking dissimilarity between British and German engineering practice in regard to big ships, when it comes to details there are divergencies and peculiarities concerning which actual experience means everything in the matter of smooth running.

When the Americans took over the "Imperator" on the original transfer under the armistice arrangement, they had, besides much information in the shape of records, the services of three German engineers who had formerly worked the ship, and their difficulties were thus largely obliterated. The Cunard staff had no such advantage. They simply walked into the engine room as strangers to the entire machinery, and beyond a few scraps of notes written in German which were discovered; they had to build up their knowledge of the vessel's mechanical arrangements and capacities from careful diagnosis of the results as the ship proceeded. A tremendous amount of investigation was necessary—even yet there is a good deal to be learned—and it is not surprising that the achievement of running such a huge ship so well on a first voyage should be one which only British engineers could have performed so successfully.

The "Imperator" had not long left New York when it was found that a forced draught equipment to the boilers originally included, had been removed by the U.S. engineers. The reason for this is not yet apparent, as the forced draught presumably was only put in as a means to efficiency and speed. It is believed that its removal may, to some extent, account for the poor results of the United States coal used on the trip, and the advisability of its replacement is now under consideration. There were tank peculiarities to be discovered, and many thousands of feet of tubing and piping to be inspected before the engineers could familiarise themselves with technical details. The large electrical installation also required to be very carefully studied.

UNOIRGROUND RAILWAY DEAL.

PURCHASE OF SPEYER SHARES.

The entire holding of Messrs. Speyer Brothers in the London Underground Electric Railways has been acquired by Messrs. Barnato Brothers, on behalf of whom Mr. S. B. Joel has just completed the contract carrying out the deal. It is believed that the amount involved is about £1,000,000.

Mr. Joel, confirming the report of the deal, informed a Press representative that Messrs. Speyer Brothers' holding was a very large one. He admitted that his firm were already big shareholders in the Underground before the deal, but he was not prepared to say that they had now acquired a controlling interest.

"You must have more than half the shares before you can have a controlling interest," he remarked, when the question was put to him, but he declined to state the precise amount involved, or to give any other indication of the magnitude of the deal. Sir Edgar Speyer, whose interest in the Underground has thus been transferred, is in America, and Mr. Joel said he did not think there was much likelihood of his returning to this country.

BILL TO AUTHORIZE HIGHER FARES.

A Bill has just been deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons for introduction into Parliament next Session "to increase the maximum tolls, rates, and charges leviable by the London Electric Metropolitan District, City and South London, and Central London Railway Companies" to a maximum rate not exceeding 4d. per mile for every first-class passenger, and 2d. per mile for every other passenger, including workmen.

The Bill also proposes to amend the Cheap Trains Act, 1883, by doubling the maximum fares allowed.

THE NEW DEFENCE CORPS.

ENROLMENTS ARE STILL SLOW.

The most disappointing feature of the new Defence Corps is the slow way in which enrolments are being sent in. Despite the fact that some weeks have elapsed since the forms were sent out, the two hundred mark has not yet been reached. The latest figures being 193. Compare this with the strength of the Defence Corps at the end of December last year. Then the muster roll showed 768, the actual strength in the Colony being 817. The men put down as on leave included many members of the Corps who were on war service. The point is that 617 and 193 make a disappointing comparison, and of the larger number it is safe to say that at least 75 per cent. were voluntary enlistments. It may be that many are hanging back to see how the new Corps works. The disadvantage of this is that those men are depriving themselves of the right of election of officers. It is probable that the important proceeding will take place very shortly and the suggestion is that members of each unit will send in names, proposed and seconded, for officers and non-coms., and then they will be balloted for. Nothing could be fairer than this and the greater strength of the Corps at that time, the greater will be the satisfaction gained. It has been pointed out that there are many new comers to the Colony whose experiences at the front might be of great benefit to the Corps, and of course, unless their names are received before the election, their services, in the most useful way, may be lost.

Join to-day.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

HONGKONG AUXILIARY'S REPORT.

The report for 1919 of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is to hand. It records that the issues of Scriptures from the depot in Lower Wyndham Street reached a total of 5,514 copies, the receipts from sales being \$1,346.99. The depot in Kowloon circulated a further 310 copies. Within the limits of the Hongkong sub-agency, 84,477 copies of the Scriptures were sold by missionaries and 15,310 by colporteurs under the direction of the Society's sub-agent. In Indo-China, 22,794 copies were placed in circulation.

Referring to the general work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the report mentions the good work of the Rev. H. E. Anderson, the sub-agent. The Society commenced its work in China in 1812 with a grant of £500 for printing Dr. Morrison's translation of the New Testament, the first copies of which were put into circulation in 1814. In the 104 years since that date, ending with 1918, the circulation of the Scriptures by this Society in China had reached a total of over thirty-six and a half million copies. The report concludes with an appeal for the Society which is faced with the reconstruction of the work in Central Europe among its other tasks.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Tajima Maru," Capt. Haraki, arrived yesterday at 9 a.m. from Moji with 1,472 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kwansee," Capt. Shearer, 1,228 tons, arrived yesterday, at 6.30 a.m. from Hoihow with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hainong," Capt. W. Passmore, 1,270 tons, arrived yesterday at 8 a.m. from Swatow with 800 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Peleus," Capt. J. G. Reynard, 4,800 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 a.m. from Singapore with 800 tons of general cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Diva," (Capt. Tobiasen) sailed for Haiphong and Bangkok at 11 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. "Palembang," (Capt. Bottoma) sailed for Balikpapan at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

The s.s. "Abercrombie" (Capt. O. A. Anhevik) sailed for Portland via Manila at daylight to-day with 600 tons of general cargo.

RUGBY.

A return match between the Club and the Army will be played on Thursday, 18th March at 5.30 p.m. The Army's Club team is likely to be improved, and a Club practice will be held to-morrow evening (Tuesday) at Happy Valley.

THE USE OF GOVERNMENT DOCKYARDS FOR MERCANTILE PURPOSES.

A statement was made last week, by Dr. Macnamara, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, that the Colwyn Committee had recommended the construction of merchant ships in the Royal Dockyards, and that the Admiralty were now looking for suitable orders. The Committee had also suggested the use of part of the Devonport yard as a terminal port by shipping firms. The policy of building merchant ships in dockyards is much on a par with the building of locomotives and wagons at Woolwich. We do not consider that the Government is wise in taking such a step. It is highly improbable that any work of the kind can be conducted on a proper commercial basis as the yards are not laid out for building mercantile shipping at economical rates. When all proper overhead charges are included, we do not doubt that it will be found that costs come out at a rate which would not compare in any sense with commercial building. But supposing even that by some extremely favourable coincidence of circumstances, costs were not exorbitantly high, we again come to the fact that the Government would be competing with private industry, and turning itself into a trading concern, instead of confining itself to its proper duties of governing. Activities of this kind are to be deprecated from every point of view. If the yards are now too great for the country's need, the most reasonable step to take would be definitely to make over part of some of them to private firms on suitable terms, either lease or hire, and let them run them at their own risk. The suggestion that part of Devonport be used as a terminal shipping port is not open to quite the same objection, provided the Government did not manage the port, and arranged for resumption of control on suitable terms in case of need. Devonport, however, is handicapped by bad approaches for large liners, and it is doubtful whether any of the leading steamship companies would make it a terminal. The Cunard, it will be noted, is now giving up Plymouth as a port of call for its larger ship—at all events, temporarily.—Engineering.

QUITE INTELLIGIBLE.

A travelling circus recently added to the gaiety of the Federated Malay States with the following programme:

PART I.

1. Some horses will make a very good tricks.
2. The clown will come and talk with that horses, therefore audience will laugh itself very much.
3. The lady will walk on horse's back and horse is jumping very much also.
4. The clown will make a joking words and lady will become to angry therefore clown will run himself away.
5. One boy will fall a ball from upside, then he can catch that ball before that ball can fall.
6. This is the very better jumping trick.

Refreshments ten minutes.

PART II.

1. One man will make so tricks of trapeze. Audience will find himself very much.
2. Dogs will jump and roll in the mud.
3. One lady will make himself so bend, then everybody he will think that he is the rubber lady.
4. This is the very grand display.
5. This is the very better gymnastics.
6. One man will walk on wire tight he is doing very nicely because he is professor of that.

PART III.

Then will come the very good dramatic.

NOTICE.
No sticks will be allowed in the spectator, and he shall not smoke also.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 27th March, 1920, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 27th March, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
H. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 14, 1920.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.

The Annual TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Will be held on the Club's Ground, Commencing at the End of March, 1920.

ENTRIES are invited for the following events:—

1. Championship Singles. Entrance fee, \$2.00. Open to Chinese in this Colony.
- Challenge Cup kindly presented by Messrs. Peter Dawson Ltd., Glasgow, to be held for one year and won outright if won 2 years in succession. (Holder:—Mr. Ng See Kwoong, 1919).
2. Handicap Singles. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Classification to be arranged by the Committee.
3. Handicap Doubles. Open to members each player. To be entered in pairs.
4. Handicap Mixed Doubles. Entrance fee, \$1.00 each player. To be entered in pairs.

Entries CLOSE on SATURDAY, 20th March.

UN HEW FAN,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o The Bank of Canton, Ltd.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "WEST MINCO."

From SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI, MANILA AND CEBU.

THE above mentioned vessel having arrived with all cargo at S. S. "WEST MINCO" from the above mentioned Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's godowns at West Point and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on March 21, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 22, will be subject to rest.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.,
As Operators, U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.
Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

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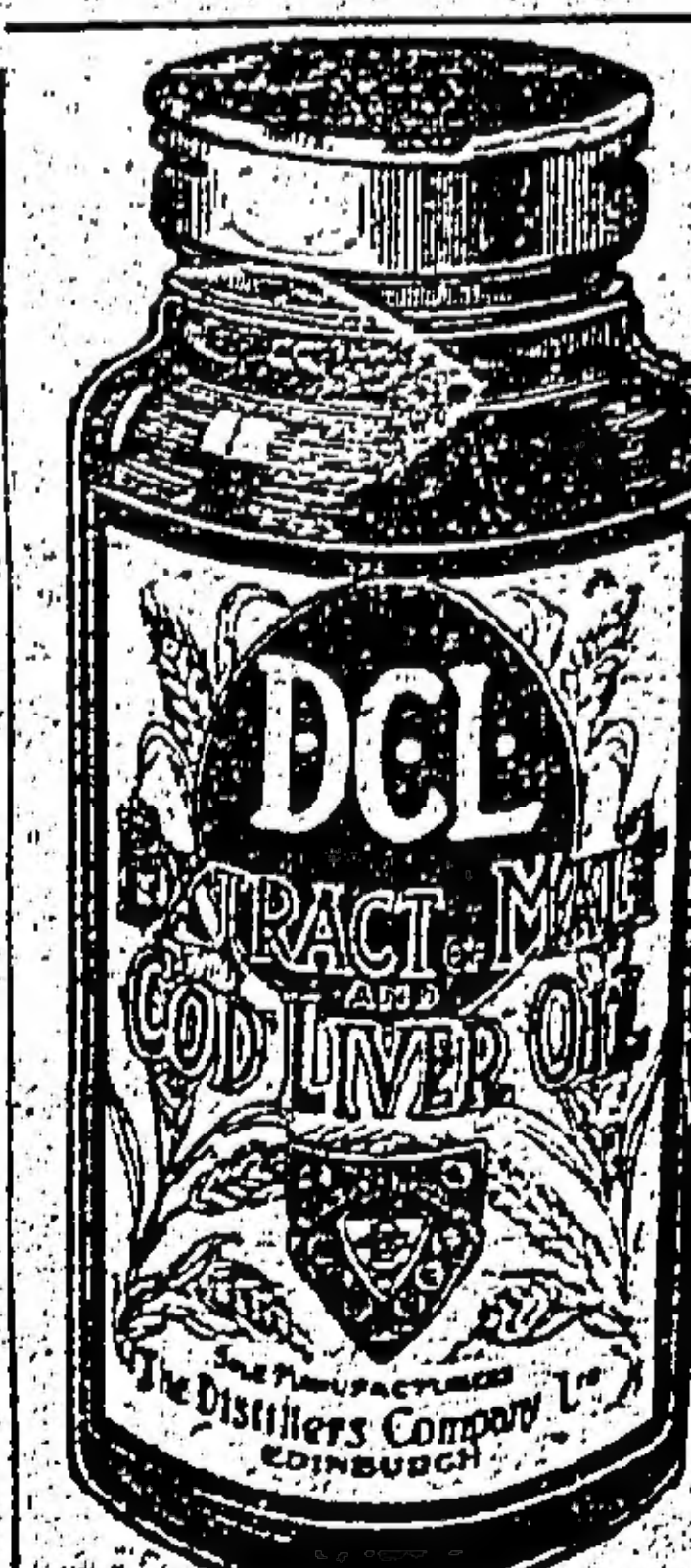
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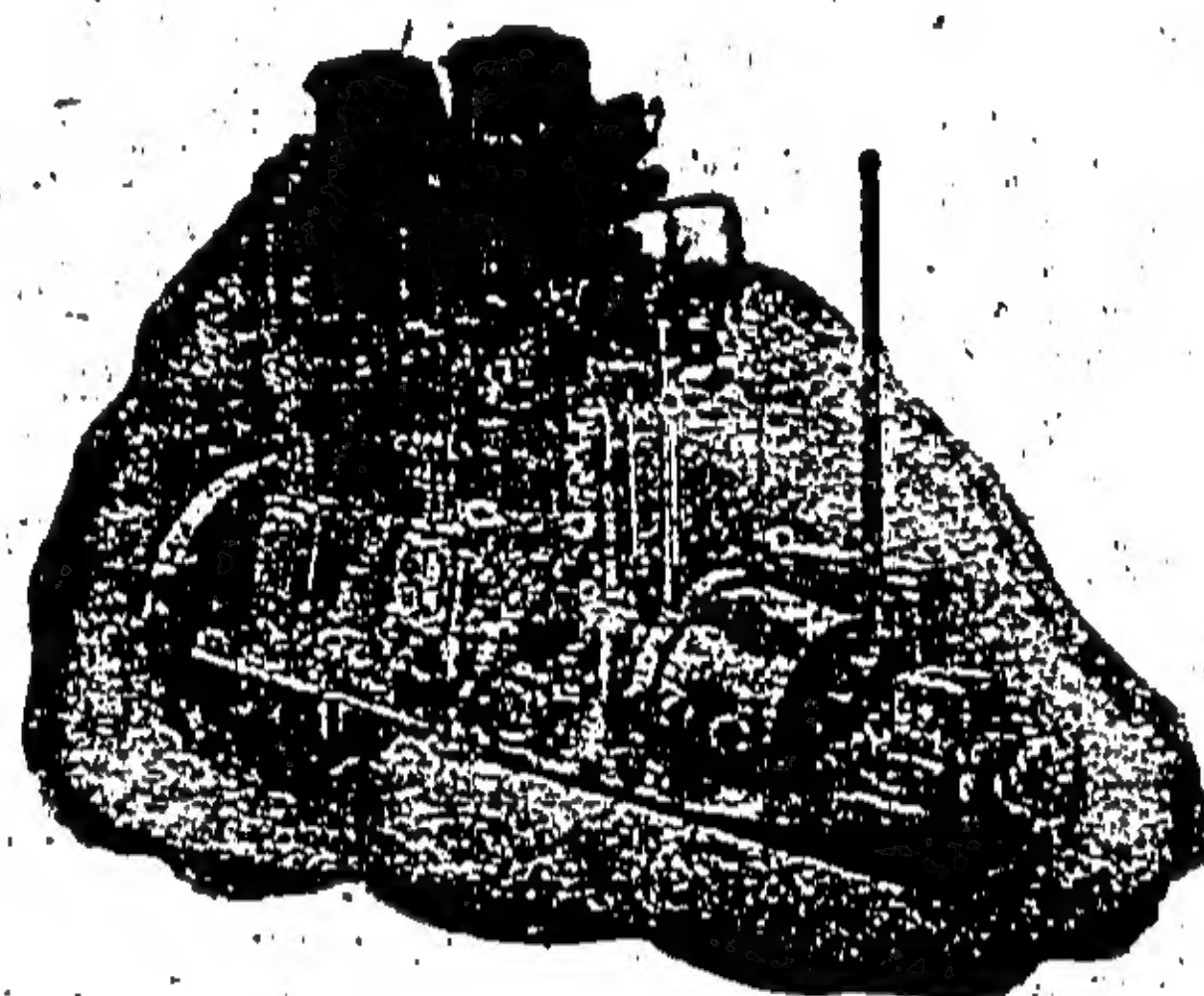
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HAVAS REVIEW.

Paris, March 11th.

A Havas message says—
A French soldier has been shot near Wernitz, in the park of Brandenburg. In this district, there are broad open heaths where rough shooting may be had. A party of Frenchmen had been out on several Sundays without any objection, but last Sunday, they were surrounded by almost all the inhabitants of the village armed with rifles, and soon one soldier fell dead.

There was, on the other part, a violent and apparently organized attack at Preussan on three officers—British, French and Belgian—visiting the barracks in connection with demobilization.

The Allied Charges d'Affaires held a meeting to discuss the compensation they should demand.

The German Charge d'Affaires in Paris yesterday called on M. Millerand and expressed the regret of his Government.

M. Millerand acknowledged the apology, but added that the guilty acts would not perhaps have happened had the German authorities shown more energy in checking violence.

NATIONAL EXPENDITURE.

London, March 13th.

Official estimates issued indicate that the national expenditure in 1920-1921 is estimated at £1,157,000,000, of which the Civil Service account for £557,000,000; Army, £235,000,000; Navy, £240,000,000; Air Force, £230,000,000, as compared with the total of £238,000,000 submitted in Spring, 1919, of which the Civil Service had £225,000,000; National Debt Services £23,000,000; Army £29,000,000; and Navy £51,000,000.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

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BRIGANDS CAPTURE BRITISH SUBJECT.

PEKING, March 12.

Dr. Shelton has been released by a British subject, the Rev. G. E. Metcalf, of the China Inland Mission, has been seized by the same brigands near Yunnan-fu.

MORE CHINESE MINISTERS RESIGN.

The Ministers of Finance, Communication and Justice have tendered their resignations.

SACRIFICES TO CONFUCIUS.

PEKING, March 13.

A Presidential mandate orders the Premier to offer sacrifices to Confucius on March 20.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The next game will be played on Tuesday, the 16th, between W. Hall and P. A. Yanovich. This game, a Semi-Final, will be 750 up and will start at 8 p.m. sharp.

There will be no game on Wednesday. On Thursday, the 18th, S. Gray will meet Lieut. T. B. Golding. The winner will play S. K. Kwok in the other Semi-Final.

THE "COMMANDANT MAGES."

The Messageries Maritimes s.s. "Commandant Mages" is still ashore at a point east of Hongkong Chau, to the east of Salmon Island. Thanks, however, to the prompt action taken by the local Agent of the Company, together with the assistance of the Taikoo Dock Company, it is expected that the vessel will be refloated this afternoon.

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WEEK END SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

Saturday saw only two matches at the Happy Valley—one in connection with the Hongkong Shield, and the other in connection with the second division of the Football League. In both these matches St. Joseph's College met the Hongkong Football Club. The College's second string turned out a scratch team which included several I.R.C. and United F.C. players, for the last match of the season, and managed to beat the Club Reserves who turned out the usual team with the exception of their right half, (whose place was filled by Rasmussen of the Kowloon F.C.) by the odd goal in three. The shield match which followed, was very exciting. The College team was at its full strength and could not have been improved upon. The Club also fielded a strong XI, but the absence of Rasmussen was very much felt. The College had the best of the exchanges throughout the match and should have scored at least twice had they tried individual efforts when in front of goal instead of passing as often as they did. Neal was very dangerous in the Club's forward line and several times came within an ace of scoring, but Dixon and E. P. Hyndman combined well at back and robbed him in the nick of time. A hard fought match ended in a goalless draw.

Descriptions of matches follow—

HONGKONG "SHIELD."

ST. JOSEPH'S AND CLUB DRAW.

There was a large gathering present to watch this match on Saturday and as expected, it turned out to be a very fast and exciting affair. From the kick off, the College, by a series of clever passes, carried the ball into enemy territory. Silva was placed in possession when in front of goal, and passed to Omar, who saw Black coming towards him. Omar, who was a few paces behind the ball, ran up to receive the ball, but it went into touch before he could get to it. From the throw in, Ralston kicked to midfield and relieved the pressure. Ralston trapped the ball and ran down the field, but he never got beyond Ogley who sent him and the ball over the touch line. When the College's next attack, Ralston was given possession and he set up such a pace down the line that no one could keep up with him. After kicking past Tonkin, Ralston chased the ball, and stopping it a few inches from the touch line shot towards goal. This kick, taken from a difficult position, lacked power behind it and Rodger cleared easily. E. R. Hyndman received the ball with his chest and passed it to Silva with a lofty kick. Ralston jumped up and just managed to head the ball away. Neal and Rodger combined well together and were soon in the College's end of the field. Here Rodger passed to Neal and no sooner had the latter received the ball than P. Xavier saved the situation by bumping him off the ball and kicking it to midfield. Omar received the ball from Silva and ran down the field in fine style but he centered badly and the ball hit the side of the net. The ball was in mid-field at half time.

In the second moiety the College played a very fast game and were very dangerous for a while. Black and Tonkin played very steadily however, and sent the ball to mid-field every time it came. The College continued to attack and forced two corners. Omar took both these kicks but, much to the disappointment of the spectators, he sent the ball into touch. When the club next attacked, much amusement was caused by the way Sepher stuck to Stalker and worried him so much that he had either to pass the ball or get robbed of it. Rodger broke through nicely once and when about a yard from goal, he took careful aim and was about to shoot when E. P. Hyndman cut in front of him and managed to deflect the ball with his body, thus conceding a corner where a goal would have been a certainty. Ralston took the corner kick and placed the ball beautifully. Neal headed it towards the net, but Dixon jumped up and deflected the ball. E. P. Xavier, up and deflected the ball to mid-field. E. R. Hyndman and Silva combined cleverly together and were soon in enemy territory. Silva took a shot at goal, but Rodger caught the ball nicely. L. Xavier rushed at him and he threw the ball away. A second afterwards Xavier collided with him and they both went sprawling into the net. Seeing an open goal in front of him, Hyndman sent in a lofty shot, but Tonkin who had rushed into goal headed the ball out. Black cleared to midfield. Omar saved two swift shots in convincing style, and then the College's again visited enemy territory, but no matter how they tried the ball refused to go into the net. A goalless draw was the result at the final whistle.

2ND DIVISION.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2ND CLUB RESERVES 1.

As already stated, the College fielded a scratch team against a fairly well balanced Club Second XI. The Club pressed the most of the first half, but Neves and Ismail were safe at back, and cleared without much difficulty. Near the close of the first half, Zaverin scored for the Club with a swift shot. The College attacked in the second half and Millar, S. Rummah, Andre and Morales combined very effectively. Andre broke through several of the defence in grand style, but Gerard robbed him. A few minutes later, the College's forced the ball corner. Millar placed the ball nicely, and S. Rummah headed it into the net. The Club missed a couple of good chances by being a little slow. Midfield play followed for a while, and then, near the close of the game, Morales scored the College's second goal after tricking Rasmussen and Gerard in fine style. At the close of the game, the College's red and white winners, against great odds, by the odd goal in three.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The Hongkong Cricket Club beat the University on Saturday by ten wicket Scores—

	U.	M.	R.	W.
F. A. Kedmond, b Day	2	0	0	0
H. C. Hunt, b Brand	0	0	0	0
D. C. Samy, b Reid	0	0	0	0
M. H. Koffey, c Day, b Brand	15	0	0	0
I. T. Pun, c Mitchell, b Day	33	0	0	0
J. D. Wright, c Paravicini, h Day	14	0	0	0
T. Milnes, b Green, b Brand	10	0	0	0
T. E. Yeoh, b Brand	20	0	0	0
S. K. Chua, b Day	6	0	0	0
C. H. Yeoh, not out	8	0	0	0
K. L. Sun, not out	8	0	0	0
Extras	7	0	0	0
Total (for 9 wickets, declared)	182	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Day	19	3	71	5
Brand	17	1	73	3
Reid	7	0	25	1
Philip	4	1	6	0
HONGKONG C.C.	82	0	0	0
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	80	0	0	0
C. Blaker, not out	34	0	0	0
Extras	34	0	0	0
Total (for no wicket)	196	0	0	0

P. G. de Paravicini, E. W. Day, R. A. Brand, R. A. Green, W. W. Mackenzie, P. J. Jacks, A. K. Mackenzie, H. S. Philip, and D. Reid did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Redmond	13	2	62	6
Yeoh	9	0	47	0
Milnes	5	0	30	0
Wright	3	0	23	0

LEAGUE TABLE.

[CORRECTED UP TO MARCH 13.]

	P.	W.	L.	D.	R.
R.C.A.	7	7	0	0	21
R.E. and I.A.	7	4	0	1	18
Kowloon	7	3	2	2	11
Civil Service	9	2	3	4	10
Stairs	7	2	4	0	9
H.K.C.C.	7	1	2	4	7
Navy	9	2	6	1	7
University	6	1	4	1	4
C.R.C.	4	0	2	2	2
Craigengower	4	0	2	2	2

FRIENDLY MATCH.

POLICE v. UNIVERSITY "B."

The University second string went down to the Police.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	R.
A. A. Rummah, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
A. Alexander, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
K. S. Chah, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
G. C. Earle, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
K. Oon, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
Lin, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
Condon, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
Chester-Woods, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
Young-Saye, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
S. H. Ismail, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
N. M. Bux, lb.w.	26	0	0	0	0
C. C. Chah, not out	2	0	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0	0
Total	76	0	0	0	0

Bowling analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Watts	3	0	22	0
Kelly	6	0	25	1
Alexander	7	1	25	5
Beth	4	1	2	2

POLICE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	R.
H. E. Hollands, lb.w.	1	0	0	0	0
F. Kelly, lb.w.	1	0	0	0	0
E. Alexander, not out	78	0	0	0	0
D. Burlingham, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
L. H. V. Booth, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
Watts, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
A. Clark, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
G. Cockle, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
T. Matthews, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
Ellwood, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
Maskell, lb.w.	3	0	0	0	0
Extras	12	0	0	0	0
Total	131	0	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Earle	11	2	45	5
Rummah	8	1	44	3
Ismail	2	0	24	1
Bux	1	0	6	1

CLOTHING NEEDED.

The steamer "Antiochus" having arrived in the Colony with some 1,200 Serbians from Vladivostok, the commander of the battalion, has appealed to the American Red Cross and other such societies for assistance in the way of clothing and medical supplies. There has been an outbreak of both small-pox and typhus on the ship, which will necessitate the passengers being disinfected and practically all of their clothing and bed-clothing destroyed. Amongst these destitute people are 58 women, 58 children and 9 infants.

A meeting of the American Red Cross was held to-day and the following committee has been appointed to take charge of the collection of clothing and the purchasing of supplies especially for the women and children—

Geo. Anderson, Chairman.
Mrs. D. M. Biggar.
Mrs. W. M. Routh.
Mrs. J. J. Cunningham.
Mrs. P. W. Parker.

Mrs. Hickling, of Queen Mary's Needle Work Guild and Mrs. Moorehead, of the Benevolent Society have consented to assist in this work and it is hoped that through the co-operation of these three societies a large amount of old clothing can be assembled in the next few days at the American Consulate rooms. The people in Kowloon who desire to contribute but find it inconvenient to send their parcels to the American Consulate, may forward them to either Mrs. D. M. Biggar, 17, Chatham Road, or to Mrs. W. M. Routh, 7, Torres Building. As it will be necessary to buy a certain amount of new supplies, donations in cash will be very acceptable and these may be sent to Mr. R. E. Dorton, Treasurer of the American Red Cross, c/o The American Express Co. The following is a letter received from Captain Houghton, master of the steamer "Antiochus":

S.S. "Antiochus".

Quarantine.

Hongkong.

Dr. F. Keith.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your enquiry, this morning I beg to inform you that the 58 women, 58 children and 9 infants I have outboard from Vladivostok, are very poorly clothed and shod, and their clothing in a great many cases will probably have to be destroyed by the Fumigation Authorities owing to the presence of infectious disease on board, and they would all be most grateful for a little help from the ladies of Hongkong. These women and children are all Serbians and have had a rough time while in Siberia; and have still a long journey in front of them before reaching their own country. I may say the majority, if not all of these people, are deserving cases, judging by the cleanliness and tidiness in which they keep their quarters on board. On behalf of these women and children, I beg to thank the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Hongkong for their great kindness in offering to assist. Faithfully yours,

Geo. K. HOUGHTON,

Master.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For the unlawful possession of six tals of prepared non-Government opium, which was found concealed in the false bottom of his trunk, a Chinese was this morning fined \$700, by Mr. Smith. The drug was confiscated.

The Chinese who was last week remanded by Mr. Smith on a charge of possession of a number of lottery tickets, was again before his Worship this morning. Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared for the defence, and asked for a remand in order to receive instructions in the case. His Worship remanded the case until Thursday. Bail in the sum of \$150, was extended.

Chan Rui, the Police accountant who some time ago absconded with \$33,000, the property of the Police Department, and \$12,000, the property of the Police Canteen fund, and was arrested in Hongkong during the race week, was again before Mr. Irving at the Magistracy this morning. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence. Mr. Leo Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who appeared for the prosecution, asked his Worship to fix a date for the hearing of the case, and his Worship appointed the 23rd inst.

Nine months' service at the front from February to October 1918, long and weary months in hospital and new exploits in the Flying Corps followed by two months' imprisonment at Metz, such is Mr. Hendrick's service record—rewarded by the French Croix de Guerre. Before settling for Calcutta as Y. M. C. A. secretary, he volunteered to give a lecture, accompanied by lantern slides on the history of flying, at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. last Saturday night. It was very interesting.

"WALLA WALLA" Launches at Blake Pier. Night and day see.

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The report for presentation to the shareholders at the forty-second annual general meeting, on 24th March, reads:—
The General Agents beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the Company's business of the year ending 31st December 1919.

The working account for the year 1919 shows a net profit of \$1,623,836.73. After deducting the previous year's debit balance of \$365,029.96 there is left \$1,258,806.77 which the General Agents and the Consulting Committee recommended should be dealt with as follows—
To pay a Dividend of 25 per cent absorbing \$ 500,000.00
" place to Sugar Fluctuation a/c 500,000.00
" place to Repairs and Renewals a/c 100,000.00
" place to Exchange Fluctuation a/c 25,000.00
" pay a Bonus to Staff not exceeding 25,000.00
" carry forward to New a/c 33,836.77
\$1,258,806.77

Consulting Committee—The Committee consists of Hon. Sir P. Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. F. Maitland, J. W. C. Bonnar and G. W. Barton who offer themselves for re-election.

Additional—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March, 4th 1920.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1919.

To Interest	\$147,843.77
To Amount written off Buildings	6,250.00
To Amount written Machinery	28,903.77
To Remuneration to Consulting Committee	2,500.00
To Auditors' Fees	1,000.00
To Balance Profit as per Balance Sheet	1,623,836.73
	\$1,809,834.21
By Gain on Working Account	\$1,809,834.21
	\$1,809,834.21

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1919.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

Capital 20,000 shares at \$100 each fully paid up	\$2,000,000.00
Equalization of Dividend Fund	300,000.00
Employees' Provident Fund	16,775.84
Sundry Creditors	3,675,291.10
Profit and Loss Account—	
Profit for year to date, as per Statement	\$1,623,836.73
Less Balance as per last Account	365,029.96
	1,258,806.77
	\$7,250,868.81

ASSETS.

Property Account consisting of—	
Land—	
East Point Refinery	\$450,000.00
Hongkong Distillery	18,970.49
Swatow Refinery	18,137.42
	\$487,107.91
Buildings—	
East Point Refinery	\$250,000.00
Less 2 1/2 per cent written off for depreciation	6,250.00
	\$243,750.00
Additions in 1919	1,910.18
	\$245,660.18
Hongkong Distillery	1,000.00
Swatow Refinery	1,000.00
	247,660.18
Machinery—	
East Point Refinery	\$385,383.58
Less 7 1/2 per cent written off for depreciation	28,903.77
	\$356,479.81
Additions in 1919	24,599.88
	381,079.69
Cash	1,125,847.98
Raw and Refined Sugar	3,241.70
Charcoal, Coal, Stores, Launch, and Patent Rights, &c.	3,246,338.55
Sundry Debtors	415,163.88
Shipments less advances	472,819.18
	1,987,452.52
	\$7,250,868.81

Hongkong, March 4, 1920.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

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JOHN JOHNSTONE,

